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Group Art Unit 1646

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/024,494; Filed: December 21, 2001
For: **Human G-Protein Coupled Receptors**
Inventors: Li *et al.*
Our Ref: 1488.1140008/EKS/HCC/MBT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This Letter is a second request by the undersigned for advice concerning the present status of the above-identified patent application. The Applicants are awaiting a response from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office from the first request, filed on April 3, 2003.

A telephone call was made to Supervisory Patent Examiner Yvonne Eyler on October 2, 2003, to request advice on the status of the abovementioned case. A message was left on her voice mail regarding this matter. According to the U.S.P.T.O. Patent Application Information Retrieval (P.A.I.R.) web site, the case has not been assigned to an examiner, and has been awaiting action in the Group 1600 Central Files since December 3, 2002. The Applicants respectfully request a timely response to this Status Inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

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